FAMINE FATE OF MEXICANS UNLESS **WURLD GIVES AID**

Shortage of Corn Throughout Republic Will Make Nation Dependent on Charity, Foreigners Declare.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATORS

Committee of Americans and Other Aliens Tell of Frightful Conditions.

RESULT OF BANDIT WARFARE

MEXICO CITY, March 25 .- (By Courier to El Paso.)-April 3.-A report predicting that Mexico faces a serious situation respecting its food supplies has been made by a committee of Americans and other foreigners here who have been investigating the situation. The report in part is as follows:

"Four years of almost continuous fighting throughout the various parts of the republic has produced a condition of affairs in the food supplies situation so serious so as to threaten a famine of such proportions as to negessitate world-wide aid.

Shortage of Corn.
The fact that farm hands have everywhere been thrown into so-called armies, that farm animals have been utilized for like purposes, that leaders of roving bands marching under banners containing fantastic legends about liberty and the rights of man, which they use as a blind to facilitate robbery, pillage and murder, have so reduced the crop acreage that by November, 1915, there will be a shortage of 29,370,000 bushels of corn alone, not to mention the other absolutely necessary cereals, are now well known to those investibating, who have made a careful study of this phase of Mexico's ills.

"That the effects of this wanton dostruction are only just beginning to be felt is due to the great productive riches of Mexico's agricultural regions, where, 'tis said, the farmer has but to scratch the soil and drop his seed while God and sunshine do the rest. But self-seeking and self-appointed military leaders have for so long a time prevented the farmeven scratching the soil over so arent an acreage that Mexico is about to reap the whirlwind it has sown.

Staf for Life in Mexico.

'Corn is the staff of life in Mexico. as wheat or its products in other coun tries. The harvest of this cereal for the prepent should begin about the first of November, that is, eight months from the date of this writing of this report. Upon investigation we find that but five states of Mexico's twenty-seven have a sufficient supply to carry them over this

"Oxaca Morelos, Campeche, Tabasec and Chipas probably have enough cor to last them eight months if the strictest economy is employed in using that

"This will take care of a population of 1,700,000. Yucatan with a population of 350,000 produces no corn, but has the money to buy it in the United States. This leaves the rest of Mexico with a 606 000 population of approximately 18,-000,600, with a visible supply of approximately 675,000 tons, enough to last but three months. About next July, then the real pinch of hunger will be felt tifroughout the length and breadth of

Must Be Bought.

"What then will be necessary to re theve the consequent distress and prevent, percups, the death of thousands from starvation? In normal times it requires 1.860,000 tons of corn to feed these 18,-500,000 over a period of eight months. With the visible supply but 675,000 tons. this leaves a shortage of 1,125,000 tons, or 3,375.000 bushels. This corn must be purchased from the United States. The present market price laid down at points along the northern frontier is 90 cents a bushel for distribution cost throughout the various parts of the republic we have a charge of \$1.05 gold per bushel for distribution cost throughout the vanecessitate the expenditure of \$41,843,750 o'clock. gold to prevent a devastating famine. able, ignorant and selfish attitude of the

"Where is this money to come from? With a bottom price-scraped treasury (Continued on Page Three, Col. Three.)

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Fair; warmer.



Comparative Local Record Mean temperature.

Easter Lilies



the senate this morning passing twenty-

Little opposition was made in the sen-

ate in the morning session on the twenty-

after the next presidential election year

Commissioners Not, fretuded.

The senate amendment does not include

alternately. There was little opposition

to the bill and much warm support from the advocates of the short ballot prin-

bill on third reading. They were: Mallery

What the house will do with the bill

house bill, by Hoffmelster, merely-pro-

vided that the county attorney must be

25 years of age. This has been stricken

Two Billy Killed.

spent on third reading. However, two

house hills were killed on the recom-

mendation of standing committees. One

of them provided for the nonpartisan

dents and the other than no candidate

beaten at the primarice may run later by

Washington Appointments. WASHINGTON, April 3 .- (Special Tele-

John Gonin of Fremont county, Wyom-

ing, has been appointed a surveyor in the

ram.)-Miss Regnia E. Macdonald Omaka has been appointed a clerk in th

passed earlier in the session.

election of county and state superinten-

Practically the whole morning

of Box Butts, Robertson of Holt, Ruder

of Knox and Wilson of Dodge.

Only four registered against the

which is 1918.

Friday and Recall Incidents of Lee's Surrender to Grant.

Fifty years of peace between the states, following the civil war, will designated as "Appomattox day," governor is taking time to look into day morning. eral of the Grand Army has issued time. orders. The day will be observed by Senate file No. 6, the lighting bill, old ploneer. schools and churches of the nation. had not reached the executive this

Council Bluffs will preside at the he will do with it. There is little local celebration. A. L. Sutton and doubt but the official signature will Rev. Ulysses G. Brown will be the be affixed, though it might not be. speakers. Prof. Jones' lyre club will furnish the music, and Rev. T. J. gold a bushel. If we allow is cents gold Mackay will offer the invocation, officially, but may run until Saturday, The governor and his staff, officers of the Nebraska National Guard and others will attend the observance yet to run the gauntiet of the upper house rious parts of the republic, which will here. The program will start at 8

Superintendent Graff of the public By that time the purchasing power of schools has sent to his principals instructhe Mexican peso will have dropped to tions to bring to the attention of the 1) cents gold, so, due to the unconscion- children in an interesting and convincing manner the story of the surrender military elements of all factions, Mexico of General Robert E Lee to General will find herself called upon to expend Ulyanes S. Grant, which event marked 413,437,500 peson to prevent the larger part the close of the war between the north of her population from starving to and the south. The spirit of Appomattox day will be brought out in the history lessons.

Story of the Surrender. At the public observance to be held in the court house the speakers will review the tragic events leading up to the fall of Richmond and of the subjugation of the army of northern Carolina by the army of the Potomac. They will relate how Lee met Grant at Appomattex Court House, April 9, 1865, and the story of Grant's magnanimity in his hour of victory will be retoid. The stories of Spottsylvania, Cedar Creek, Shenandoah and other battles will be reviewed. These words of Lee will be repeated:

"Men, we have fought through the war together; I have done my best for you; my heart is too full to say more."

The story of the reconstruction will also be told; of how the sisterhood of states was resumed, and the people of north and south reunited under one flag-Hobart Williams, 712 North Thirty third street, who served during the civil war as captain of company D, One Hundred and Pifty-first New York volunteers, relates this story in connection

NOT READY TO CALL RITES FOR CANADA IS TO BE OBSERVED ELECTION IN OMAHA! IN ELKS' ROOMS Villa's Commander

Veterans of the Civil War to Meet Governor Morehead Will Not Issue Body to Lie in State and Services Proclamation for Merger Vote to Be Held This Afterfor Day or Two.

MEETING AT COURT HOUSE THURSDAY IS THE LAST DAY BURIAL WILL BE ON MONDAY

Arrangements for the funeral of (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 3 .- (Special.) the late William T. Canada, who died be memorialized next Friday even- Governor Morehead will probably not at St. Catherine's hospital early Sating in court room No. 1 in the court issue a proclamation calling the spe- urday morning, will not be com- coast, according to Jacinto Canaliza, the house, under the auspices of the cial election provided in senate file pleted until the arrival in Omaha of Omaha posts of the Grand Army of No. 2 for Great Omaha until some William F. Canada, his son, who is the Republic. The occasion has been time the fore part of next week. The expected to come from Chicago Sun-

and will be observed all over the the matter thoroughly and will pre- The burial will take place Monday, United States. The commander gen- pare the proclamation in plenty of and it is thought that Nebraska City

Pallbearers have been named as fol-General Grenville M. Dodge of morning, so that it is not known what lows: M. R. Murphy, N. R. Denny, M. N. Flinn, Ed Benton, Council Bluffs; L. Bjendorff, W. P. Thomas, D. endorff, W., P. Thomas, Frank Chittenden and Dan B. Butler. In the event that the body is sent to

Nebraska City for burial, a committee nposed of the following will accom-The legislature adjourns next Thursday pany: F. J. McShane, sr.; L. Blendorff and G. W. Shields. The Nebraska City The work is being rushed-out pretty fast, Elks lodge will in all probability take a prominent, part in the caremonies. eight bills. The bigappropriations are

Services will be held in the local Elks' lodge room at 2:30 o'clock Sunday after-

with the probability that they will go body of Mr. Canada is at the Heafey & Heafey undertaking pariors. eight bills passed, most of them being Among the bills that passed on third sing and Frank T. Ransom will offer the siderable proportions. reading was house roll No. 6, with senate eulogy. Following the services at the amondments extending the terms of county officers from two to four years to the undertaking establishment, where and putting off the next election until will remain until the funeral, Monday

Born in Kentucky. William T. Canada was born on a Kentucky farm, near Smithland, seventy ears ago, having come from colonial Caring the revolutionary war. His grandfather and his father's side was a close personal friend of Daniel Boone and devoted much of his life to taming the wildness. Even when William T. Canada was born, the country around Smithland was new and the boy was deprived of the advantages of education excopt such as the country schools, which were none too good, afforded

Early Life on Farm. Young Canada attended school in winuntil he was 14 years of age. Then he evinced a great liking for horses and on lowing jockeyed numerous horses to viclot with the south, where he had always lived, enlisting as a private in the Third petition. A senate bill to this effect was Kentucky regiment of volunteers, serving three years and having in the meantime been promoted to the position of first

Turned Toward the North. denuded of everything of value, and real

BULGAR'S INVADE SERBIA, SWEEPING BY BORDER GUARD Rumors that Raider Had Slipped Out

Irregulars Capture Some Towns and Fighting Reported Along Boundary of the Two Countries.

ASSERTED

Austria Is Making Preparations to Surround and Cut Off Montenegro from World.

PARIS, April 3 .- Hostilities be tween Serbian troops and Bulgarian irregulars have broken out along the border. An official statement, issued at Nish, Serbia, as forwarded to trict, save wireless, started a crop of to Havas agency, says that the Bul- rumors saying the German cruiser had garians overwhelmed the Serbian dashed behind the curtain of anowliakes frontier guards and occupied Serbian to Chesapeake bay. territory

The statement follows regulars wearing military uniforms at new daring exploit. tacked in large numbers our outposts at Valandovo. Our frontier guards, overforced to give ground and retreated in the

Hold All Heights. "At 5 a. m. the Bulgarians occupted all l the heights on the left bank of the Var-The loases on both sides were se-

"Wounded soldiers state that the Bulgarian bands maneuvered and fought under the direction of Bulgarian officers. The number of troops engaged was slightly more than a regiment.

'Neighboring frontier posts immediately sent reinforcements. The result of the battle is still unknown and details are

patches received here from Cettinje, the the last moment of its time expired. capital of Montenegro, indicate that Aus- But such a storm as today's makes every tria-Hungary is endeavoring to cut off Montenegro from all communication with route and many admirers of the German the outside world and thus starve it.

The dual monarchy is described as surrounding this small state with overwhelming forces of Croats on the mountains, in addition to a garrison of 40,000 men at Cattare, which prevents any comnunication with Herzegovina and the

Against about 100,000 Austrians, Montenegro can oppose only 15,000 men with limited artillery. Something like 70,000 people from villages in Bosnia burned by Austrian troops have taken refuge in

Kidnaps Vassar Girl

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 3.-Kidnaped by Major Antonio Tovar. Villa mmander at La Paz, lower California, Miss Josefine Canaliza, daughter of a wealthy Mexican land owner, is held a tall destroyers would meet the Lusitania prisoner aboard the little Mexican near the Irish coast and convoy the wealthy Mexican land owner, is held a young woman's father, who arrived here today. Mr. Canaliza asked officers up and down the California coast to keep watch for the vessel and the girl.

Miss Canaliza is 22 years old. She was educated at Vassar college and is said to be the fiancee of a young American will be the last resting place of the She recently returned to the ranch near jected, says the father, and a few days ago he appeared at the ranch with soldiers, shot two of the ranch retainers and, binding the girl, took her aboard the Santiago, which steamed out of La Paz bound north.

Austrians Claim Important Success in the Carpathians

VIENNA (Via London), April 3.-The fighting in Bukowina, according to inforbut it will be carried to the Elks' quar- appears to be of more importance than ters Sunday, where it will lie in state is evidenced from the surface indications until the hour set for the services. The in official reports. Apparently the Aus-Elka' male chorus of twenty voices will trians have gained there a success of con-

The Russians had massed in force Elka' rooms, the body will be taken back check a threatened Austro-Hungarian invasion and reoccupied northern Bukowina. They are said to have attached considerable weight to this operation because of the effect it might have on public opinion in Roumania. Austrian advices are to the affect that the Russians were completely stock that fought for American liberty with very heavy losses in proportion to defeated and driven back into Bessaberia the numbers engaged.

Frederick M. Smith Near Death's Door

LAMONI, Ia., April 3 .- (Special.)-The Zion Religio general convention, in session here yesterday and today, elected Prof. J. A. Gunsolley of Graceland college ter and worked on the farm summers as president, with Arthur E. McKim of Kansas City as secretary.

Telegrams received here yesterday conthe Kentucky tracks for some years fol- veyed the intelligence that Frederick M. Smith has suffered a relapse and is again tory. Subsequently he worked in a store in a critical condition in his temporary and along in 1800, when the war rended home in Worcester, Mass., where he has the north and south asunder, he cast his been studying for the last year at Clark university,

This news cast a gloom over the hundreds of delegates and visitors guthered in this place, and a rigid fast has been observed all day and many prayer services held, that this young man may be restored to health and he able to make the izing that the recuperation was going to Saints he may be closen and ordained to he slow, young Canada turned his face be president of that church as successor (Continued on Page Four, Column Three.) to his father, the late Joseph Smith.

PRINZ EITEL IS STILL IN HARBOR

of Newport News Under Cover of Storm Untrue.

WIRES ALONG COAST ARE DOWN

WASHINGTON, April 3 .- A whirling gale and snow storm which enveloped the Virginia capes last night and today did not tempt the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich to make a dash for the sea through the cordon of hostile cruisers outside, and at a late hour today an official government dispatch from HUNDRED THOUSAND ENGAGED Hampton Roads said the German raider still was moored to its wharf

Start Crop of Rumors. storm which drew the curtain of secrecy over the Prinz Ettel for a few hours by destroying all means of com-munication with the Hampton Roads disand past the watchdogs at the entrance

The governmental agency got in touch with Newport News, Va., and established Last night about 2 p. m. Bulgarian that the Prinz Ettel had attempted no

The storm which swirled from Hat teras had ripped down telephone and whelmed by superior numbers, were telegraph wires until early today Newport News, Norfolk, the Virginia caper direction of the railway station at Stru- and the surrounding country were entirely cut off from communication except by wireless, which was entirely in the hands of the Navy department. And in the interest of American neutrality the Navy department drew the curtain tight.

Coaled, provisioned and repaired, the Prinz Elitel has been lying at its wharf today a mystery, leaving unanswered the question whether Commander Thierichens would finally elect to intern his ship and men for the war or attempt a dash through the fan of allied cruisers which have hovered outside the three-mile limit beyond the capes.

The chance of an unarmored ship breaking through the cordon was re garded as so small by naval officers that ROME. April 3.-(Via Paris.)-Dis- it had been the almost general opinion lane out to sea a comparatively safe in seven months at sea roving, before he came to Newport News, would not be surprised if he accepted the fortunate opportunity the elements afforded

Lusitania, With Big Passenger List, is

NEW YORK, April &-The liner Lustania, due to sail at 10 o'clock today for Liverpool, was held up at its dock by thick weather and a heavy snow storm. Its officers said it would be held so long universally outraged that the Germans as the storm lasted-till tomorrow if should protest to the American embassy

When Love Spurned sers, the largest since the war began Aboard the Luskania were 830 passen-Among them were Richard Croker and his bride, and Mme. Lalla Vandervelde, wife of the Belgian minister of state who has collected nearly \$300,000 here for the relief of Belgium.

Captain Turner expected two fast Britsteamship to Liverpool, where it is due to arrive on Friday. Care had been taken that no suspected persons should be allowed on board, and it was stated that a sharp lookout would be kept for submarines when the steamer approached the British coast.

Contest for Rock Island Control Takes On Another Phase

at the annual meeting on April 13:

In making these selections, the commit-

tee states that it has been actuated solely by a desire to procure for the stockholders "the benefit of the advice and serve British Steamship ices of gentlemen of high standing and

Widow of Slain Man Admits Complicity

McElbeney, widow of George B. McEl- in Devonshire. heney, postmaster at Louisburg, Kan., crew were saved. was cross-examined today at the pre- A German submarine pursued the Lookher husband's death, were improper, that brought into port. Hornhaker several times proposed that The steamer Lockwood was owned in he trade wives with McElheney and that London. Built in 1896, it was of 677 net on one occasion he urged her to put tons and 236 feet long.

UNIFORM SALES BILL GETS JUST THE REQUIRED VOTE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 2 .- (Special.) - Repre sentative Hunter's hill, H. B. 714, for the must the needed number fifty-one, while River City, Pla., where the well known thirty-one were cast in the negative. Nebraskan has large interests. thirty-one were cast in the negative.

RUSSIANS MAKE SERIES OF GAINS IN CARPATHIANS

British Military Experts Believe the Long Struggle for Passes Into Hungary is Nearing a Final Decision.

STAGNATION ON THE WEST LINE

Allies Are Keeping Germans in the Dark as to Where Big Thrust is to Be Made.

DELAY FORCING DARDANELLES

The Day's War News

RUSSIA, in a semi-official announcement, expresses sympathy with Italy's desire to obtain the territory about the head of the Adriatic, inhabited chiefly by pecile of Italian stock. Russia would not appear still further expansion. but warns Italy not to press its claims to a point which might bring on another conflict later.

BRITISH EMBASSE at Rome dented a report that Lord Rosebery or any other person is going to Rome on a special mission for Great

VIENNA REPORTS assert that the Rusians, who sent in reinforce, ments in the hope of gaining a decisive victory in Bukowinn, have been defeated and forced to retreat.

BRITISH STEAMER LOCKWOOD was torpedoed last night off the coast of Devoushire, England. GENERAL JOFFRE, the French commander-in-chief, is quoted as predicting that the war will soom come to an end, to the advantage

of the allies. LONDON, April 3 .- The fluctuating struggle in the Carpathians seems to be nearing its decision, accommunder, recalling his daring exploits cording to dispatches reaching London. By successive rushes amid ice and snow, Russian troops are said to have carried a series of Austrian lines, and in the view of British observers they bid fair soon to break through in force between the Lupkow

and Uszok passes. Delayed by Storm on stagnation prevail. The ailles are keeping the Germans in the dark, as to when and where the big thrust will come.

regarding the segregation of the craws of submarines now held as prisoners war, is making much of the death of Leon Thresher, the American who lost his life in the sinking of the Falaba. "What will Washington do?" asks today's Westminster Gazette, and other

papers debate along the same lines. As the weeks pass the operations in the Dardaneties appear likely to be more and more protracted; even the London papers are today inclined to admit that the Turkish positions, perhaps, have not yet been seriously damaged.

The discussion for and against absolute prohibition of alcoholic liquors con-

Will Build Special Ship to Recover Lost Submarines

NEW YORK, April 3.-Plans for a NEW YORK, April 3.-The contest for large "mother ship" of a new type inontrol of the Chicago, Rock Island & tended to raise submarines disabled as Pacific Railroad company assumed a new was the F-4 at Honolulu are under conphase today when the proxy committee sideration at the New York navy yard, made known the names of the following it was said today. A vessel of the type stockholders to be voted for as directors suggested would be twice as large as any of the present submarine tenders "W. Emin Rocsevelt, capitalist, rall- and would be constructed on a new deroad and bank director; William J. sign with a portion of the under body so Matheson, merchant and bank director; hollowed as to enable the "mother ship" Timothy S. Williams, president of the to stow away the submarine after leave Brooklyn Rapid Transit company, and ing the bottom of the sea. It would be mation obtained from private sources. Charles Hayden, senior partner of Hay- equipped with chains long enough to ren, Stone & Co., bankers, of this city reach to a great depth and with engines sufficiently strong to lift a waterlogged submarine unaided.

Lockwood Sunk by German Torpedo

LONDON, April 3.—The British steamer Lockwood was torpedoed by a German, PAOLA, Kan., April 3.-Mrs. Maude submarine Friday night off Start point,

liminary hearing of Roscoe Hornbaker, wood for several miles before being able rural mail carrier, who is held in con- to gain a position from which it could nection with the murder of McElheney, discharge its torpede. The projectile The postmaster was shot to death in his struck the steamer about aft of the enhome in Louisburg in October, 1912. Mrs. gine room and the crew of twenty-five McElheney testified that her relations found time to lower a life boat. Later with Hornbaker, both before and after they were picked up by a trawler and

A. E. Cady Very III At His Florida Home

WASHINGTON, April 3 - (Special Tries uniform sales law recommended by the gram.)-Max J. Baehr, consul at Berne, American Bar association, passed the Switzerland, who will sail from New house by the skin of its teeth Friday York tomorrow for Havana, stated today journey and be present at the opening of afternoon. The speaker first announced before leaving Washington, he had re-the general conference on April 6, at that it had falled to pass, but it was ceived a telegram from A. E. Cady, ir., which time it is hoped by the Latter Day found that two or three members had stating that his father, A. E. Cady of changed their votes and this gave the hijl St. Paul. Neb., was seriously ill at Indian